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1. "The northern coast of the island of Saaremaa (Oesel), bordered on the north by Kassaare Bay and on the south by a line passing through Volupe, Pahila, Raba and Orinomme, was emptied of inhabitants in 1947. This area is at the disposal of the Baltic Fleet and every year landing operation training is conducted there. Landing craft transport guns and tanks to the shore. Warships in the Kassaare Bay support the landing operations with their fire.
2. "When farming was collectivized in 1949-1950 the population which inhabited the area between the aforementioned line and Koikla-Ollande was also evacuated. However, people were not forbidden at the time to gather berries and mushrooms in the vacated area. Since April 1954 this area is declared out of bounds for civilians (marked on sketch [Enclosure A] with dotted line). There are no barbed wire fences there yet; the area is only marked with poles driven into the ground.
3. "Some sort of concrete construction is at present [1954] under way there because the appropriate material is being transported to the area.
4. "The headquarters of a rifle division is located at Orissaare."

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch Map of Saaremaa Restricted Area

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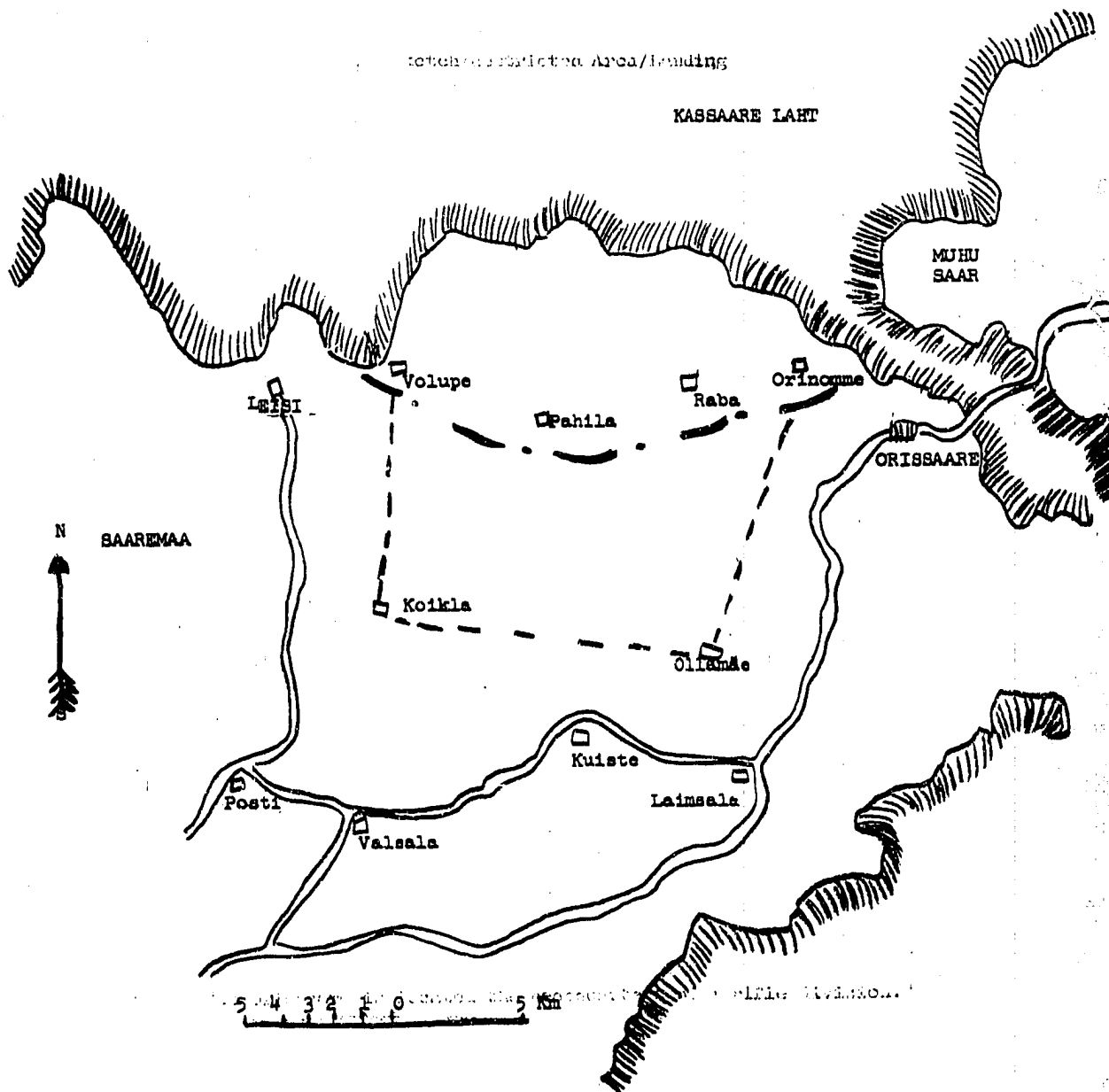
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SKETCH MAP OF SAAREMAA RESTRICTED AREA



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